



# THE Cat's MEOOW

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## Are We There Yet?

### THE COUNT

**Adoptions**  
4,687

**Spays/Neuters**  
21,627

## A Message from the Director

Dear Supporters,

The holidays are sneaking up quickly and it's hard to believe that a new year is almost here. At FCCRSNC we have many things to celebrate in addition to holidays and time with friends & family:

- ✓ A projected new record of cats and kittens rescued and adopted through our shelter.
- ✓ A new record for the number of dogs and cats helped through both our Prevent A Litter Plus Program and our Kibble Supply Pet Food Pantry.
- ✓ Recognition by two national animal welfare organizations and invitations to partner in limited-opportunity programs with them (see article below and Page 3).

We have come so far in such a short period of time because of people like you who recognize the need for our services, and the results of our programs – **more lives saved!**



Not all kitties will go home this holiday season, but your gift will ensure that they have a safe place to stay until they do find their forever home.

Our current funding gap for 2012 is \$135,000 and we need your help to meet this gap. Please think of us as you plan your end-of-year giving, and remember that any gift amount makes a difference and is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you Happy Holidays!

– Sarah Swanty, Executive Director

## Overhaul planned for foster program

The Pacific Northwest's largest non-profit cat shelter, Cat Adoption Team (CAT) in Oregon, has developed a "rocking" foster program, and with grant fund-

ing from PetSmart Charities, it is now able to share with other groups how to become fostering successes.

Only 10 organizations are accepted into CAT's "Fostering 4 Rock Stars" mentoring program each year, and Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic is hoping to become one of them. We've been given the unofficial nod, but even if we are not officially accepted, CAT has already provided us with many new ideas to begin overhauling our foster program for 2013.

By making several positive changes we hope to grow our number of foster homes and improve retention, enabling us to save even more lives through our "shelter

**See Fostering, Page 2**

### Tuxie's Tale



Check out Page 2 for an update on how FeLV- and FIV-positive Tuxie and her kittens are faring.

## Fostering (continued from Page 1)

without walls,” a new way to describe the foster program.

One of the changes will be the addition of a foster mentoring program. Providing in-depth training to our more experienced foster volunteers will allow them to become mentors to new foster homes. As mentors they will serve as a first point of contact for new foster volunteers who

may have questions or need assistance with their kittens.

Another exciting addition in the overhaul will be the creation of “baby bags” to send home with fosters. Each bag will contain everything needed for foster success at home (see the complete list at right).

Each baby bag for foster homes will need \$72 worth of supplies and equipment, and each mentor bag will require \$90 in materials. For a successful program, FCCRSNC needs a minimum of 50 baby bags for fosters and 10 bags for mentors (a \$4,500 expense).

We would sincerely appreciate any donation you could offer to help us overhaul our current foster program and turn us into future Foster Rock Stars!



### BABY BAGS for Foster Kittens



- ✓ Amoxicillin
- ✓ Kaolin
- ✓ Karo Syrup
- ✓ Kitten Formula
- ✓ Nursing Bottle
- ✓ Quick Read Thermometer
- ✓ Thermometer Lubricant
- ✓ Rubbing Alcohol
- ✓ Strongid
- ✓ 1 3ml Syringe
- ✓ 2 1ml Syringes
- ✓ Shampoo
- ✓ Washcloth
- ✓ Flea Comb
- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Digital Scale

### Help us win \$1,000 in just a click a day

The newest Animal Rescue Site Shelter+ Challenge runs through Dec. 16 with grants given to the shelters that earn the most votes.

FCCRSNC was in 1st place for Colorado at print time. If we keep our lead we'll earn a \$1,000 grant to help us save more lives! Please vote for us by visiting [www.FCCRSNC.org](http://www.FCCRSNC.org) Click on the “Vote Every Day!” button, then follow entry instructions. You can even make it your homepage!



## FeLV/FIV+ mama cat Tuxie, 3 kittens are thriving



Trixie still needs a real home!



Mini likes to help on the laptop

Photo: Colleen Mueller

Tuxie and her litter of five young kittens were brought to our shelter in April as stray outdoor cats from Greeley. Upon intake, the whole family tested positive for feline leukemia (FeLV); Tuxie also tested positive for feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV).

At many shelters, such diagnoses would be cause for euthanasia. However, Dr. Gloria Matsushita and FCCRSNC staff felt the kitties deserved a chance at life. Sadly, two of the kittens died shortly after arrival. But the good news is, the other four cats are thriving!

Initially the whole family lived at our administrative office. Since then, two of the kittens have been taken in by loving, permanent foster homes. In a “permanent foster” situation, an FeLV-positive cat receives veterinary care through FCCRSNC for the duration of its life, while still getting to enjoy the comforts of a real home.

Colleen Mueller fell for Tuxie’s look-alike kitten, Mini, when she came to pick up food for her roommate’s FeLV-positive foster cat. Colleen says, “Mini is the best thing I’ve done for myself in awhile because she’s brought play back into my days.”

Lauren Nance was already fostering another FeLV-positive cat, Emily, and thought the little boy of Tuxie’s litter would make a good buddy for her. River, aka River

To learn more about FeLV and FIV, go to [www.BestFriends.org](http://www.BestFriends.org) and visit the “Resources” section about cat health.



Otter, is a super playful kitten. “I love being a foster mom to Emily and River,” Lauren says. “They are two happy and healthy kitties, and they are the sweetest and most playful cats I’ve ever had!”

River and Mini are lucky to have such wonderful homes. Because FeLV-positive cats typically have a shortened lifespan, it is even more important to us that they are placed in a real home – whether with a foster or adopter.

Tuxie, her daughter Trixie, and their best friend Obie (who is also FeLV positive) still live in our office. They get LOTS of love and cuddles from the staff, but it’s still not the same as having a house with a warm human bed to snuggle into.

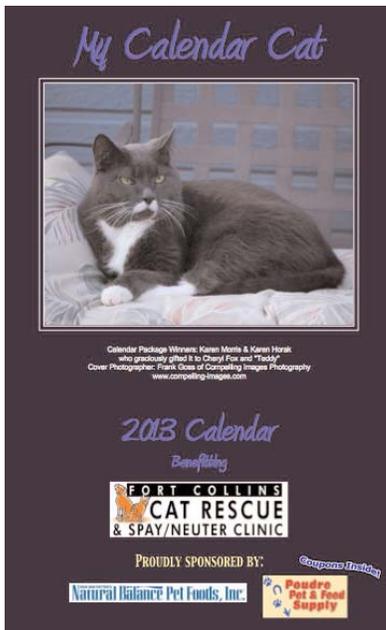
All 3 of these precious girls are available for adoption or foster. For more information, please call our shelter!



He’s ‘River Otter’ for a reason

Photo: Lauren Nance

# 2013 'My Calendar Cat' on sale NOW!



## Only a limited supply available

The number of photo entries for our annual cat calendar grows every year, and the 2013 calendar will be no exception. We set a new record this year with 146 beautiful kitty photos entered in the contest, and all of them appear somewhere within the 11"x17" calendar.

This year's calendar was again sponsored by both Poudre Pet & Feed Supply and Natural Balance Pet Foods and contains coupons with savings valued at much more than the calendar's \$20 purchase price.

So treat yourself, or your friends and family, to a year full of kitty photos and coupons – they make excellent holiday gifts! There's a limited supply available; last year we sold out early. So stop by the shelter today and get yours before they're gone!



## Colorado Gives Day: 24 Hours to Give Where You Live!



Colorado Gives Day is an initiative to increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving, presented by Community First Foundation and FirstBank. FCCRSNC received \$4,255 in 2011!

This year's event will take place during a 24-hour period on Dec. 4. Donations will be accepted through the secure website GivingFirst.org. Enter our name and give! 100% of your donation will come to us, and the value of your donation will be increased by the FirstBank Incentive Fund.

New this year, FCCRSNC is joining several other Larimer County nonprofits to collaboratively host a **Happy Hour Giving Celebration** on Dec. 4. Join us from 3-7 p.m. at Odell Brewing in Fort Collins, Big Beaver Brewing in Loveland or City Star Brewing in Berthoud to receive \$1 off a beer when you make a donation on one of the laptops that will be set up on site! *Give where you live!*



## ASPCA Response Partner

The ASPCA has invited Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic to become one of its Response Partners.

As a partner organization to the ASPCA's Field Investigations and Response Team, we will be able to assist with life-saving operations when any large-scale cruelty cases or natural disasters occur.

If the ASPCA team were to investigate and respond to a large-scale cat hoarding case, FCCRSNC could be called on to assist by providing on-scene support or by taking in cats for adoption once they have been released by the ASPCA.

In exchange, the ASPCA will

ensure that all animals have received general veterinary care and health certificates for out-of-state transfer, if needed.

They also will perform on-site behavior assessments; provide transportation funding and coordination with other rescue groups; and offer financial support to offset costs (medical care, spay/neuter, extended housing).

Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic is honored to have been invited to become a Response Partner and is eager to help make a difference in the lives of countless animals by working with the ASPCA.

# Spay-ghetti & No Balls

## DINNER & CRAFT FAIR

to Benefit



Join Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic, Animal House Rescue & Grooming and Larimer Humane Society for its 3rd Annual Spay-ghetti & No Balls Dinner & Craft Fair to benefit all three area rescues. This appetizing event will be held Sunday, Nov. 18, at the Embassy Suites Loveland (4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland).

The Craft Fair will be open to the public from 2-6:30 p.m. and will be FREE to enter. The pasta dinner is being served buffet style with open seating from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Salad, bread, spaghetti (gluten-

free available), and tomato sauces (both with meat and meat-free) will be provided by Embassy Suites Loveland, with decadent desserts donated by Butter Cream Cupcakery, Charco Broiler and Perkins Family Restaurant.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$18 for adults and \$8 for children ages 6-12. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under are free.

Register online to attend the dinner at: [www.LarimerHumane.org](http://www.LarimerHumane.org) or call (970) 530-2948.

## Calendar of Events

Nov 10	Walk-In Vaccine Clinic
Nov 13	Vaccines by Appointment
Nov 17	Walk-In Vaccine Clinic
Nov 18	Spay-ghetti & No Balls Dinner & Craft Fair
Nov 22	Closed for Thanksgiving
Nov 23	Black Cat Friday Adoption Special
Nov 27	Vaccines by Appointment
Dec 1	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Craft Fair, 9am-3pm
Dec 1	Walk-In Vaccine Clinic
Dec 4	Colorado Gives Day
Dec 4	Vaccines by Appointment
Dec 9	Pet Photos with Santa at PetSmart, 11am-4pm
Dec 15	Walk-In Vaccine Clinic
Dec 18	Vaccines by Appointment
Dec 25	Closed for Christmas
Jan 27	Alley Cats Bowling Night
March 2	Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee



### Sam

When Sam, a sweet 3-year-old black and white kitty, arrived at our shelter, he had been living a hard life. Sam was born with a congenital deformity of the forelimbs called radial hypoplasia, which prevents him from walking normally.

Sam also came from a hoarding situation, so he hadn't been receiving the medical attention he needed.

That's when volunteer Erica Laws stepped in and asked her parents, Erma and Pat Wedge, to adopt Sam. He not only found a new home, but he also found paradise! Sam has a cat-safe fenced yard where he can watch the birds and squirrels and play

Sam was in bad shape when he came to us



with the family's Russian tortois- es. Their Mastiff is his new best friend. When he's not playing outside, he loves to hang out in his adopter's office chair.

Erma says, "When he first arrived he was quite run down from his first three years of life, but after the last several months of peace, good food, fresh air, and daily medicine for his legs, he looks and feels like a completely different cat."

He is the SWEETEST thing I have ever taken care of. He does get carried from point A to point B as much as possible just

He was adopted February 2, 2012



Now Sam is living the life he deserves

to keep down the wear and tear on his back and legs."

Sam will always have a physical handicap, but Erma says, "He lives life on his terms now and he deserves it."

# SAVE THE DATE!

Break out the flip-flops and Hawaiian shirts and find your lost shaker of salt! Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic is heading to "Meowgaritaville" on March 2, 2013, for its annual Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee.

Come join the fun at our annual gala fundraiser at the Hilton Fort Collins and sip on a frozen concoction while grooving to some mellow tunes.

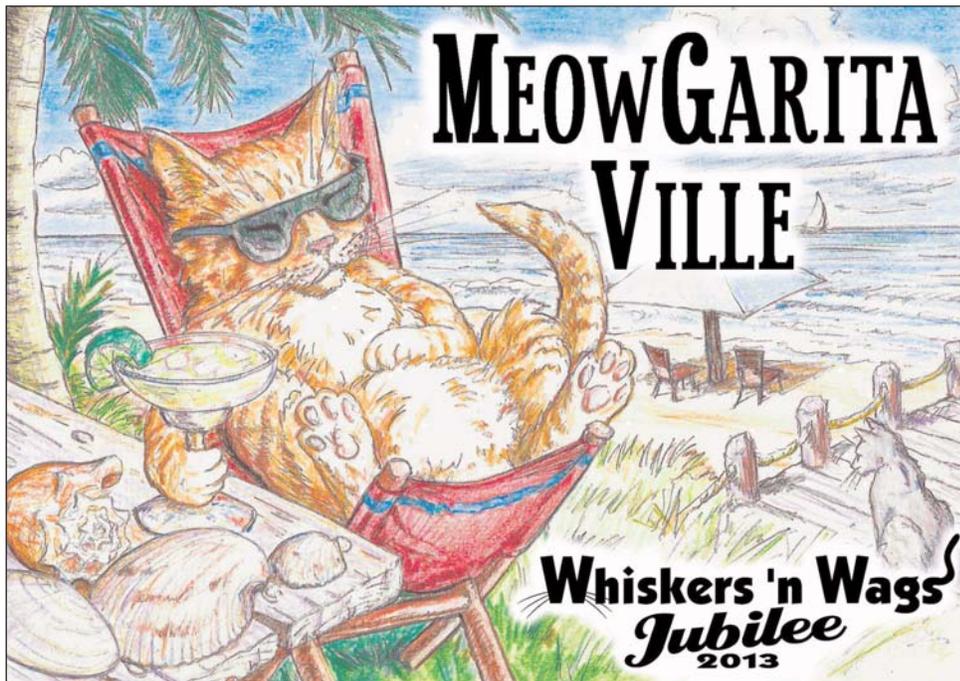
We've also planned a gourmet buffet dinner, our renowned silent auction including the Grand Cats art pieces, and a live auction run by the ever-entertaining professional auctioneer Bill Seaworth.

Last year we raised \$62,000 to help the kitties (as well as the pups who benefit through our spay/neuter clinic). Our goal for Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee 2012 is \$64,000. This full night of fun is only \$65 per person, with tables of 8 available for \$480.

Online registration will be available shortly, or you can register by mail using the form below or in person at the shelter.

There are also ways you can contribute before the event:

- ✓ Did you know that all of our auction



items are donated? If you would like to donate an item for the event, especially a condo stay or trip, we would gratefully accept such a gift.

✓ We also have a special opportunity for you to promote your business or honor a loved one or pet by sponsoring. You'll receive a number of benefits from sponsoring while at the same time helping FCCRSNC. For more information e-mail: [WWJ@fccrsnc.org](mailto:WWJ@fccrsnc.org)

**Please support our major sponsors:**

**Thank you!**

## 2013 WHISKERS 'N WAGS JUBILEE RSVP



Complete this form to reserve your spot at the **Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee**, March 2, 2013, at the Hilton Fort Collins.

Please include your check made payable to *FCCR*, or fill in your credit card information below.

Qty.		Total
_____	Individual(s) (\$65 each)	\$ _____
_____	Table(s) of 8 (\$480/table)	\$ _____

Enclosed is a payment for a total of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by credit card:

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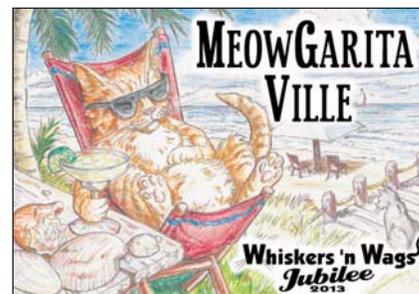
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Mail completed form with your payment to:  
**WWJ 2013**  
 Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic  
 2321 E. Mulberry #1  
 Fort Collins, CO 80524



**SEE YOU MARCH 2!**



## Volunteer Spotlight



### Ginger Meyers

If you stop into the shelter on a Thursday afternoon, you are bound to get some smiles and laughter, and it's not just because of the cats and kittens! Volunteer Ginger Meyers' sunny disposition brightens everyone's day, and her hard work lightens the load of the shelter staff.

"Ginger has a wide knowledge of cats and is able to educate adopters on various important information," said staff member Stephen Roland. "She is one of the hardest working people I have ever met."

She is always up for any task, including everything from scrubbing litter boxes to trimming kitty nails, and she has an amazing attitude while doing it!

Ginger started volunteering in May and currently spends about 10 hours weekly at the shelter. Thank you, Ginger, for your tremendous dedication!

## Support Our Shelter Advocates

### Luminary (\$6,000 - \$11,999/year)



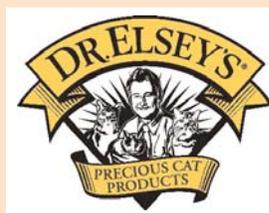
#### Natural Balance Pet Foods, Inc.

12924 Pierce St. (800) 829-4493  
Pacoima, CA 91331 [www.naturalbalance.net](http://www.naturalbalance.net)



#### Poudre Pet & Feed Supply

North Store: 622 N. College Ave., (970) 482-2741  
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East Store: 2601 S. Lemay Ave., (970) 226-0277  
West Store: 2100 W. Drake #6, (970) 682-2585  
Fort Collins, Colorado [www.naturalfeedstore.com](http://www.naturalfeedstore.com)



#### Precious Cat, Inc.

4201 South Navajo, Unit 1  
Englewood, CO 80110  
(877) 311-2287  
[www.preciouscat.com](http://www.preciouscat.com)



#### South Mesa Veterinary Hospital

3801 S. Mason St.  
Fort Collins, CO 80524  
(970) 226-6526  
[www.southmesa.com](http://www.southmesa.com)



#### VCA Fort Collins Animal Hospital

4900 S. College Avenue, # 120  
Fort Collins, CO 80525  
(970) 204-4567  
[www.vcahospitals.com/fort-collins](http://www.vcahospitals.com/fort-collins)

### Caretaker (\$1,000 - \$2,999/year)



#### Friendship Hospital for Animals

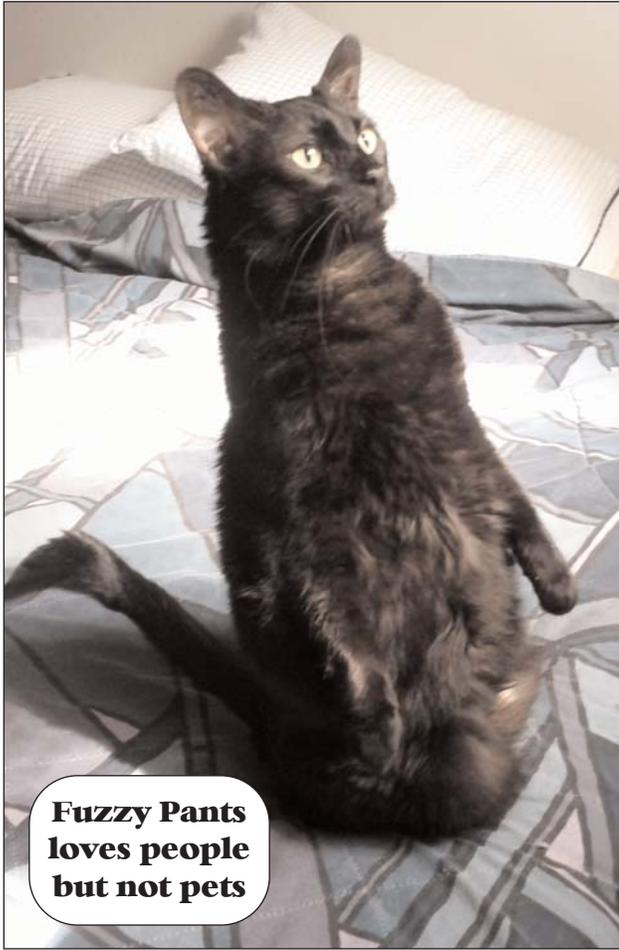
1103 Oak Park Drive, Suite 101  
Fort Collins, CO 80525  
(970) 206-1868  
[www.friendshiphospitalforanimals.com](http://www.friendshiphospitalforanimals.com)



#### Paws 'N Claws Veterinary Clinic

225 N. Lemay Ave. #2  
Fort Collins, CO 80524  
(970) 493-6696  
[www.pncvets.com](http://www.pncvets.com)

# Fuzzy Pants is looking for love, understanding



**Fuzzy Pants loves people but not pets**



## About Fuzzy Pants

Age: 6 years

Sex: Female

Personality:

Shy and feisty

Fuzzy Pants has been in her foster home for almost a year now. In that time, she has come a long way. She is a real sweetheart once she gets to know and trust someone.

She loves to be around people and likes to just lay down near her foster family or head butt them when she's really excited.

When she's very happy, she flops down and rolls over from side to side. She likes to play with toys, mostly balls that she can toss to herself.

We expect she will be more playful when she finds her permanent home and has free roam of the house. While she loves people, she does not appreciate other cats or dogs. She would do well in a quiet home without small children.

She really needs someone who will love and understand her and just let her be who she is. If you give her a chance, she will shower you with love and affection.

While she loves her foster family and they adore her, she is limited to a small area of the house and she really wants a complete home where she can roam and explore as she pleases and feel like the top cat that she is.

# Jake earns his keep in humiliating penguin fashion

Jake has been working hard to earn his keep at Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic. Besides his regular visits to Columbine West Health & Rehab Facility, Good Samaritan Society's Fort Collins Village, and Crossroads Safehouse, he made an appearance at the Old Town Library's grand reopening this summer.

The best news is that Jake passed his evaluation through the Larimer Animal-People Partnership to renew his registration as a therapy cat.



"Jake's Plates" help cover his expenses

Jake can continue his important service in our Purrfect Therapy program, so give him a congratulatory pat on the back when you see him again!

In honor of Jake's 4th birthday in August, we launched a new cage sponsorship program called "Jake's Plates" to help cover the cost of his vet care and permanent room and board.

There is still space on his cage for seven more shiny red plaques that can be personalized in honor of a loved one or to advertise a business. Contact the shelter for more information on how to support "Jake's Plates."

In October, Jake was very accommodating and patient when "The Rocky Mountain Collegian" wanted to help promote our Meow-loween fundraiser with a costumed photo shoot. He donned his penguin costume with more embarrassment than pride, but always the trooper, Jake let us get at least one adorable photo!



Photo: Hunter Thompson - The Rocky Mountain Collegian

(Above) Jake was a trooper for his photo shoot for Meow-loween. The Oct. 19 event raised \$1,300!

(Right) Jake visits with one of the residents of Columbine West Health & Rehab.



Photo: Craig Kozak



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*Be sure to get  
 your calendar  
 for 2013!  
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## Help Your Community Cats and Dogs by Giving



Here are just a few examples of what your donation can provide:

- \$35 Spay or Neuter One Shelter Cat
- \$60 Pay a Kitty's Rent for a Month
- \$90 Supply a Baby Bag for Foster Kittens
- \$250 Help Replace Important Clinic Medical Equipment
- \$300 SAVE A LIFE! Provide 100% of Care for One Homeless Kitty

*How Much Hope Can You Gift? Enclosed is my donation for \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

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Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 for a personalized, engraved plaque.  
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*Thank  
 you!* 

To make an online donation, visit our website: [www.FCCRSNC.org](http://www.FCCRSNC.org)